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FOR: THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER COMPOSITION, FOAM MADE FROM THE SAME, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING FOAM

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated **November 21, 2001**, and in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The declaration enclosed herewith contains the Title of the Invention and the Inventor(s) name(s) and is believed, in combination with the attorney statement set forth below, to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63, as set forth in MPEP section 601.01.

The undersigned hereby states that the specification filed herewith is in fact the application which the Inventor(s) executed by signing the enclosed Declaration.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Our check in the amount of \$-0.00- is attached hereto. If any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the required Government fee, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.


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Respectfully submitted,

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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
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- Request for Immediate Examination

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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